

House Energy Statement

Good morning Chairman Glenn and members of the House Energy Policy Committee. I am David Zuhlke, Legislative Consultant for the Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative (MISEC) and I'm back again this week to provide some additional, but brief, testimony on House Bill 4708. I am joined today by Brian Broderick, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools. MISEC appreciated the opportunity to testify last week and to tell our story about how electric choice benefits a portion of schools in Michigan. But I am here today to do three things:

1. To demonstrate our support for House Bill 4708 and for the good work of Representative John Reilly and his House Energy Caucus.
2. To share some data regarding the minimal impact of electric choice for schools on the state's incumbent utilities. As you can see from the handout, our current impact is less than 1% of total utility sales, and with the expansion of electric choice for schools under this bill would remain minimal. And,
3. To show our support for the inclusion of non-public schools in this bill. I know Brian would like to make some comments in that regard.

Finally, I would like to point out that the language in this bill that exempts public and non-public K-12 schools from the 10% cap, is nearly identical to language in PA 341 exempting mines in the U.P. from the 10% cap as well. So, we are not asking for anything that hasn't already been granted once by the Legislature.

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